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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Economic Development Committee (EDC) – Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2016

Members Present - Joe Serio, Erik Callahan, Jeff Crowley and Ralph LeBlanc.

Others Present - Steve Wallace - Town Planner.

Members Absent - Scott Aubuchon and Wayne Walker.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Serio.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes from the January 6 meeting (all in favor).

The Committee moved onto its business solicitation effort, reviewing a draft regional resources fact sheet prepared by the Town Planner. It was agreed that the solicitation packages would not be sent out until the in-line sewer storage system becomes operational sometime in October or November. From the list of businesses to solicit, it was agreed that we should remove the Seven Hills Foundation because they are a non-profit organization that would not pay taxes. The Committee offered three changes to the draft regional resources fact sheet: adding the new MBTA station in Fitchburg and the MART bus route through town as public transportation resources, and deleting the old Building Commissioner's name from the list of local contacts.

The Town Planner discussed the zoning amendments proposed by the Planning Board for the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting. A lively discussion about the Village Center proposal ensued. In the end, the EDC voted unanimously (4 - 0) to support all for zoning changes.

The Town Planner then went over the results of the Town's April meeting with MassDevelopment and the outreach we will need to conduct with other similar agencies once the sewer project is in place and the zoning amendments approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. The next meeting of the EDC will be Wednesday night, June 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM in Room 112.